

261—116.3 (84GA,SF517) Verification of innovation funds.

116.3(1) An innovation fund shall provide to the authority information as a prerequisite to the issuance of any investment tax credits to investors in such innovation funds. The innovation fund must provide this information within 120 days from the first date on which the equity investments qualifying for the investment tax credit have been made (or, for investments made during the 2011 calendar year, by the later of 120 days from the first date on which the investments have been made or March 31, 2012).

116.3(2) Application forms setting forth the information required to verify the eligibility of an innovation fund may be obtained by contacting the Economic Development Authority, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. The telephone number is (515)725-3000. Applications shall be submitted to the authority at the address identified above.

116.3(3) The following information must be submitted to the authority in order for an eligible innovation fund to be verified:

a. A copy of the fund's certificate of limited partnership, limited partnership agreement, articles of organization or operating agreement certified by the chief executive officer of the innovation fund.

b. A signed statement, from an officer, director, manager, member or general partner of the fund, stating the following:

(1) That the fund will make investments in promising early-stage companies which have a principal place of business in the state.

(2) That the fund proposes to make investments in innovative businesses which have a principal place of business in the state.

(3) That the fund seeks to secure private funding sources for investment in such businesses.

116.3(4) Upon the authority's receipt of the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate satisfaction of the criteria set forth herein, the authority shall, within a reasonable period of time, determine whether a certification will be issued for the innovation fund. If the authority certifies the innovation fund, the authority shall register the fund on a registry that shall be maintained by the authority. The authority shall use the registry to authorize the issuance of further investment tax credits to taxpayers who make equity investments in the innovation funds registered with the authority. The authority shall issue written notification to the innovation fund that the fund has been registered as an innovation fund with the authority for the purpose of issuing investment tax credits.